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DTH Service Portability
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to bring in DTH portability like mobile number portability as many customers are not happy with their DTH service providers and willing to switch over to other service provider; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING {COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)}

(a) & (b): Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its recommendations on "Issues relating to New DTH Licenses" dated 23.07.2014 has recommended replacement of license condition at clause 7.1 of the existing DTH guidelines which stipulates that "The Open Architecture (Non-proprietary) Set Top Box (STB), which will ensure technical compatibility and effective interoperability among different DTH service providers, shall have such specifications as laid down by the Government from time to time" with "The Set Top Box offered by a DTH service provider shall have such specifications as laid down by the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) from time to time." TRAI further recommended that BIS should come out with updated specifications for STBs from time to time and while doing so, BIS shall consult TRAI and that the license conditions should mandate the licensee to comply with the tariff order/scheme prescribed by TRAI for commercial interoperability. The Inter-Ministerial-Committee (IMC) constituted for the purpose of examining the TRAI recommendations has recommended that the matter may be taken up with Department of Electronics and Information Technology and Bureau of Indian Standard. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has accepted the recommendations of IMC. Policy making is a dynamic process which may take considerable time.

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